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1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS OR CHANGES IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS WITHIN OMAN SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFERENCE (B).

2. THROUGH LOCAL BRITISH EMBASSY, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT APPEAL HAS BEEN MADE TO "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL" TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED TORTURE BY OMANI OFFICIALS. PLAINTIFF IS ONE JOHN ALLAN (ALIAS JOHAN ALOIS KUCHAR), WHO SOMETIMES HAS CLAIMED THAT HE IS U.S. CITIZEN. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED CASE CLOSELY. ALLAN ENTERED OMAN ON FORGED LAOTIAN PASSPORT. WHEN HE FALSIFIED INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH OMANGOV JOB APPLICATION, HE WAS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS. DURING THIS TIME HE NEVER ONCE APPEALED FOR CONSULAR ASSISTANCE, NOR DID HE PRODUCE ANY DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT CLAIM TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP. IN FEBRUARY HE WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL ENTRY, USE OF FALSE PASSPORT, AND MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT IN APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT POSITION. HE WAS SENTENCED TO THREE MONTH SENTENCES FOR EACH CONVICTION, THE SENTENCES TO RUN CONCURRENTLY. SINCE HE ALREADY HAD SPENT

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APPROXIMATELY THIS AMOUNT OF TIME IN PRISON WHILE AWAITING

TRIAL, HE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WAS RELEASED AND DEPORTED FROM OMAN. OMANGOV INTENTION WAS THAT HE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO HIS COUNTRY OF BIRTH (CZECHOSLOVAKIA), BUT REPORTS INDICATE THAT HE MAY BE IN WEST GERMANY. AT ANY RATE, IF "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL" PERUSES HIS INTERPOL FILE, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ORGANIZATION WILL FIND HIM TO BE TRUSTWORTHY SUBJECT FOR THEIR ATTENTION.

3. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO OCCASION TO APPROACH OMANGOV ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES SINCE HOST GOVERNMENT RECORD IS QUITE SATISFACTORY ON THIS COUNT.

4. AIRGRAM REPORT BEING SENT IN NEXT CLASSIFIED POUCH.

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